

or trained as performing animals with effect from 14.10.1998:—

1. Bears 2. Monkeys 3. Tigers 4. Panthers 5. Lions

(b) Eleven lions belonging to a circus in Karnataka have already been sent to rescue centre at Bannerghatta, Karnataka.

(c) No, Sir.

Crisis in domestic steel industry due to dumping of substandard steel

†2489. SHRI JHUMUK LAL BHENDIA: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the domestic Steel industry is in acute crisis because of the dumping of substandard steel in the country;

(b) the efforts being made to overcome the recession;

(c) whether production has been affected as a result thereof; and

(d) the quantum of steel production this year as compared to the last year alongwith the target fixed for the same for next year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI BRAJ KISHORE TRIPATHY): (a) The dumping of substandard steel in the country has affected the domestic steel industry adversely by putting downward pressure on the domestic prices and thus affecting the profitability of the Indian Iron & Steel producers.

(b) Several measures have been taken to overcome the sluggish growth of demand for steel in the country. These inter alia include:

— High allocation for infrastructure & housing projects to generate demand for steel, launching of a National Campaign for increasing the demand of steel, especially in non-traditional sectors, such as rural and agro based industrial sector has been launched.

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- Imposition of Anti-dumping duty on Hot Rolled coils imported from Ukraine and Russia.
- Rationalisation of Duty Entitlement Pass Book (DEPB) rates for steel exports to boost exports.
- Setting up of a 'Steel Exporters Forum' to help steel exporters to overcome the bottlenecks in exports.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) The production of finished steel in the country during April to February 2000-2001 was 26.40 million tonnes compared to 24.48 million tonnes in the corresponding period last year. After liberalization of steel sector, no targets are fixed by the Government for production of steel.

Power requirement of steel plants

[†]2490. SHRI BRATIN SENGUPTA: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the total annual requirement of power for the steel plants of Government sector, plant-wise;

(b) the sources of the availability of power for the fulfillment of the requirement of each steel plant;

(c) whether any steel plant has set up its own captive power plant; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI BRAJ KISHORE TRIPATHY): (a) (1) Power requirement of integrated steel plants of SAIL during the year 1999-2000 has been as follows:

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